

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William J Barber on 02/23/09.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 13, 16 and 30-84.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9-12, 14-15, 17-20, 22-29 and 85 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 2-4. Therefore, it is allowable with the same reason set forth in the previous office action.

Independent claims 19, 29 and 85 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 21. Therefore, they are allowable with the same reason set forth in the previous office action.

Claims 5, 7, 9-12, 14-15, 17-18 depend on claim 1. Therefore, they are allowed.

Claims 20 and 22-28 depend on claim 19. Therefore, they are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7844. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bost Dwayne can be reached on (571)272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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